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(b) whether they have succeeded in obtaining a building for the same; and

(c) how soon they expect to start the school?

A.—(a) The question of converting the Government higher elementary school for girls, Bellary, into a middle school is under consideration.

(b) Yes. The school is proposed to be located in a rented building.

(c) The middle school may be opened in June next, if the necessary funds are voted by the Legislative Council.

Location of the Government girls' school at Avanigadda.

*1711 Q.—Mr. V. Ramjee Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Government girls' school at Avanigadda entrusted to the Bandar Taluk Board is located in a small house which is not even sufficient for fifty pupils as per the Education Rules, though the strength of the school is 125, and whether the fact was brought to the notice of the departmental head by the headmaster of the school and also by the Sub-Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools; if so, on what date;

(b) for how long the school has been in the same building; and

(c) whether the Government propose to make necessary arrangements for its proper accommodation?

A.—The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

Admission of depressed class pupils in local board schools.

*1712 Q.—Mr V Ramjee Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of taluk boards in each district of the Presidency which have refused admission to the depressed classes into their elementary schools; and

(b) whether the Government will issue necessary orders directing the presidents of the local boards to throw open the schools for the admission of depressed classes?

A—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the reviews by the Government of the reports received annually in regard to the steps taken for the admission of the depressed class pupils into public schools, which are placed on the Editors' table.

Mr. V. Ramjee Rao:—"With reference to the answer to (a), will the Government call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"Is the Government at least aware of the fact that some local board schools are not admitting depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"A general Government Order was issued sometime ago that all schools, unless there is no difficulty about the location of the school, should admit pupils belonging to all classes."